

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of) **MAIL STOP RCE**
Shigeyuki Akimoto et al.)
Application No.: 10/556,916) Group Art Unit: 2624
Filing Date: November 15, 2005) Examiner: Vanchy Jr., Michael J.
Title: OUTER SURFACE-INSPECTING)
METHOD, MASTER PATTERNS)
USED THEREFOR, AND OUTER)
SURFACE-INSPECTING)
APPARATUS EQUIPPED WITH SUCH)
A MASTER PATTERN)

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Sir:

Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application and encloses the \$405 \$810 fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).

1. A. Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified in item 2 below.
 B. Applicant(s) previously submitted the following documents for which continued examination is requested:
 - Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____.
 - Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
 - Other: _____
2. The following documents are enclosed with this submission:
 - Amendment/Reply
 - Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - Information Disclosure Statement
 - Petition for Extension of Time

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 Other:3. Small entity status is hereby claimed. No additional claim fee is required. The fee is calculated below on the basis of the highest number of claims already paid for in this application prior to this submission:

FEES				
Examination Fee (1801)				\$ 810
	No. of Claims		Extra Claims	Rate
Total Claims	5	20	0	x 52 (1202) \$ 0
Independent Claims	3	3	0	x 220 (1201) \$ 0
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$ 390				\$ 0
Total Fee				\$ 810
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Application Fee				\$ 0
TOTAL FEE DUE				\$ 810

4. Charge _____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.

5. A check in the amount of _____ is enclosed for the fee due.

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7. Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least _____, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.

8. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,
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